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With Ferrin Cox

"I am rather inclined to silence, and whether that be wise or not, it is at least more unusual nowadays to find a man who can hold his tongue than to find one who cannot." - Abraham Lincoln

A picture of a three-year-old boy holding a bluegill fish he had just caught won a statewide photo contest recently. It is a darling picture, and we salute the family members who take the time to teach him to enjoy the sport. Seeing that kid with 'his' fish reminded us of an incident when our children were young. Our first-born son was a bit older, but less than ten and he and I were fly fishing on a lake in Florida. Several other boats were also on the lake and they got to watching our son and his fly fishing success. They would pass it down the lake "hey our little buddy just caught another one." Then we heard one of the men in a nearby boat say, "When my son learns to fish like that, I am going to start bringing him." I wondered - and still ponder - how he thought our son learned to 'fish like that'! That is like telling a child, "Don't you go near that water until you learn how to swim."

An investigative reporter in Las Vegas was killed and a public official has been charged with his death. Assuming he was killed because of an investigation into activities of the public office holder, it was a very dumb and counterproductive move. Whatever may have been being investigated was surely not as serious a crime as murder. Now the guy faces not only a loss of his job, but many, many years in jail, if not the death penalty. In addition to being a dumb decision, it shows a complete lack of any compassion for another human being.

It is hard to believe that the terrorist attack on U. S. facilities and people, referred to as "9/11", happened twenty-one years ago. Even being that long ago, it is still fresh on our minds and those who lost loved ones continue to have our prayers. Most of us can recall exactly where we were upon first hearing the news of those attacks and our fixation on the TV screen as the tragic events unfolded.

We continue to field complaints about the City of Elba's recent purchase of a piece of vacant property. Most of our visitors are puzzled over how the city can spend thousands on real estate "as a good investment" but can't make road repairs, etc. That is an issue that will not go away. The property is purchased (for cash), those road repairs are still pending. City officials are delaying much of that road work because contractor bids for doing the work are "too high", yet projected repair costs continue to rise as the road damage gets worse.

The City of Elba is shutting down the recycling program, at least temporarily. The contract company announced some time back they were giving up the contract this month. City officials are shutting down the service until they can figure out the best way to continue, how (and where) to market the recycle material, etc.

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FLAGS HONORING THOSE WHO DIED IN THE SEPT. 11, 2001 TERRORIST ATTACKS...The flags displayed on the courthouse lawn in Elba last weekend represented the 2,977 lives lost in the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Several of the flags are shown here along with first responder vehicles during the Patriot Day Ceremony held last Saturday afternoon in Elba.

Reminder:

Effective October 1, 2022, Elba Water and Electric delinquent fees will increase from thirty dollars (\$30) to fifty (\$50). The afterhours fee will increase from fifty dollars (\$50) to seventy-five dollars (\$75.)

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022, and Monday, Sept. 12, 2022, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Sept. 6 - Verbal altercation reported at 100 Beaver Dam St E-4 (7:27 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1021 Elm Ave (9:43 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (10:47 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (12:14 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 5423 County Rd 410 (2:53 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 1578 Powell Circle (4:27 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 5423 County Rd 410 (5:30 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported to Elba Police (7:22 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a citation being issued.

Wednesday, Sept. 7 - Domestic complaint reported on Beaver Dam St (8:52 p.m.). Ten traffic stops resulted in two citations, five written warnings, and three verbal warnings.

Thursday, Sept. 8 - Trespassing reported at 349 Brunson Circle (1:04 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (8:29 a.m.); Death investigation reported at 1133 Oak Ave (9:26 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 689 Hwy 141 (1:13 p.m.). Ten traffic stops resulted in seven verbal warnings, two written warnings, and one arrest.

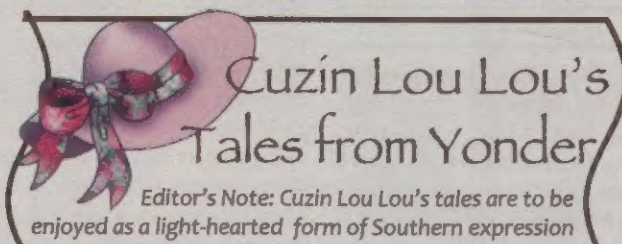
Friday, Sept. 9 - Suspicious vehicle reported at 2551 Taylor Mill Rd (12:15 a.m.); Grass fire reported at 301 Larkin Rd - was a controlled burn (10:14 a.m.); Lost/found property reported at 1033 Morrow Ave (6:28 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (7:13 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Hwy

84 (10:58 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, three written warnings, and one citation.

Saturday, Sept. 10 - Domestic complaint reported at 626 Mullins Circle (2:39 a.m.); Burglary reported at 911 Farris Ave (7:08 a.m.); Drug activity reported on Beaver Dam St (11:59 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 955 Hwy 203 (2:24 p.m.); Report of shots fired in area of 1303 Reese Ave (6:25 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 331 Putnam St (11:52 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a citation issued.

Sunday, Sept. 11 - Suspicious person reported on Putnam St (12:02 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 744 County Rd 401 - an arrest was made (3:14 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at Hwy 84 and Hwy 141 (12:43 p.m.); Harassment reported at 603 Kendrick St (6:32 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one citation, two verbal warnings.

Monday, Sept. 12 - Vehicle fire reported on Hwy 84 (9:48 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1311 Reese Ave - w/ impound (10:04 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 11 County Rd 342 (11:05 a.m.); Identity theft reported at 863 Reese Ave (11:28 a.m.); Harassment reported at Annie's Kitchen (2:44 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1415 Jones St (6:23 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 100 Beaver Dam St D2 (6:25 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 218 N Factory Ave (8:20 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1131 Guyton St (11:37 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in three written warnings, and one arrest.



One never knows what Sister is going to say or do, and that was certainly the case last Saturday evening when the Yonder gang was out and about on a little adventure.

The gang attended a college football game for Cuzin Lou Lou's collegiate alma mater, and they enjoyed seeing the 'good guys' get the win on the night. The gang, however, was a tad late to the game because a big 'ole rain shower reached the area about the same time as they did.

Trying to avoid listening to Sister complain the entire night about being soaked and miserable, Lou Lou made the executive decision for the gang to 'wait out' the storm by going to grab a bite of supper before parking on campus and walking to the stadium instead of grabbing a burger at the game. It turned out to be a very good idea, even Sister agreed!

Just as the Lou Lou, Sister, and Papa made it inside the restaurant, the bottom fell out! They enjoyed the meal while staying inside and dry, and by the time the gang finished eating, the rain had moved on from the area.

Of course, Sister always gripes about the location Lou Lou parks on campus for game day! It's quite a trek across campus to the stadium, but it easy access before and after the game, and there is no parking fee to pay - that's the Lou Lou's favorite part!

Knowing it is a trek, Sister actually wears tennis shoes to these games... much to her dismay. She would much be wearing her flip flops or sandals, but she knows better for such a walk.

There wasn't much mention of the wearing of the tennis shoes before and during the game, but Sister let it be known afterwards that she was tired of them! As soon as the gang made it back to Lou Lou's vehicle after leaving the stadium, Sister kicked those shoes off and sighed in relief.

"What in the world is wrong with you?!" Lou Lou asked after the very loud sigh from Sister.

"I needed to get those shoes off!" was Sister's response. "My feet felt trapped in them! They need to be free!"

That was the most ridiculous thing Lou Lou had heard all day! But, it did not surprise her coming from Sister!

A few seconds later, a socked foot appeared on the arm rest between Lou Lou and Papa up front.

"What are you doing?" Lou Lou asked.

"I need to stretch my feet," Sister said.

"Well...you have a whole back seat to do that! Get that smelly foot away from us!" Lou Lou insisted.

Uh-oh...that did not go over well with Sister.

"I will have you know my feet do not stink," Sister insisted. "I just checked!"

Papa had been quiet up until this point, but he had to laugh at that response from Sister.

In between the back-and-forth banter over Sister's feet...smelly or not, she also let Lou Lou know she needed an after-game snack.

Lou Lou headed for Sister's first choice, but the line at the drive-thru was enormous. Same story for the second place Sister picked. At this point, Lou Lou took matters into her own hands and drove to an option she felt might not be as busy because it was a bit off the heavy traffic route... she was correct!

Lou Lou and Papa elected for a pie and coffee for their snack while Sister went with something entirely different. Since Lou Lou was driving, she asked Sister to put the creamer in her coffee for her, and Sister was kind enough to help; however, it was not as easy a task as Lou Lou had thought it should be for Sister.

Suddenly, there was spitting and spurring from the backseat!

Who knows how it happened but in opening one of the creamer cups, Sister managed to slosh it enough to get a taste of the creamer. Apparently, she did not enjoy the taste of only creamer!

"Was it bad?" a laughing Lou Lou asked after Sister explained her dramatics from the backseat.

Sister didn't stop with just saying it was horrible... no, instead, she said it tasted like she expected 'baby milk' tastes!

Lou Lou just shook her head. Only Sister.

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!



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Obituaries

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ROBERT JACK VEAL JR.

Mr. Robert Jack Veal Jr., age 82, of Ozark, Ala., died Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022, at Oakview Manor in Ozark. Graveside services were held from Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, Ala., on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 10 a.m., with Rev. Derek Snellgrove officiating and Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include his son: Bob Veal, Sevierville, Tenn.

JOHNNY FOLEY

Mr. Johnny Foley, age 74, of the Curtis Community, died Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, in Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022, at 2 p.m., at Wyatt Funeral Home in Opp, Ala. Burial followed in the Foley Family Cemetery at Danleys Crossroads.

Mr. Foley was preceded in death by his parents, Sara McCarty Foley and Fred Foley; and grandparents, Jessie and A. A. Foley.

Survivors include his wife: Mary Bowden Foley; daughters: Miranda Foley and Olivia Foley Morrow (husband Scott); sons: Bryan Albert Foley, Shannon Watson, and Jason Watson (wife, Pilar); grandchildren: Kiranda and Chase Foley, Aubrey and Johnny Cru Morrow, Cole Foley, Miranda Marler (husband, Steven), and Victoria Watson; great-grandchildren: Denver Rose Ross and Addy Marler; along with all of Johnny's Cowen family.

JOSEPH RALPH LASSITER

Mr. Joseph Ralph Lassiter, age 87, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022, at his residence.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Min. Steve Reneau officiating. Burial services followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Memorial contributions may be made to the Elba United Methodist Church, 503 Davis Street, Elba Alabama 36323.

Joe was preceded in death by his father - Ralph Andrew Lassiter, mother - Mattie Johnson Lassiter, sisters - Clara Kahler, Dorothy Clayton, Grace Canada, and Matilda Whitlock, and brother - Norman Lassiter.

Survivors include his wife: Laura Lassiter, Elba; daughters: Anne (Joel) Cline, Elba, Beverly Lassiter (Jane Detweiler), Reno, Nev., and Mary Beth Lassiter, Atlanta, Ga.; brother: Roy (Margie) Lassiter, Meritt, N.C.; sister-in-law: Elaine Reid, Los Angeles, Calif.; granddaughters: Erin (Andrew) Smith, Wat-

kinsville, Ga., and Grace (Jacob) Rodriguez, Elba; grandsons: Mark (Lizzie) Wells, Elberton, Ga., and Joseph Cline, Elba; great-grandsons: Matt Smith, Tyler Smith, Connor Smith, and Peyton Smith, all of Watkinsville; and great-granddaughter: Oakleigh-Anne Rodriguez, Elba.

JUDY C. OWENS

Mrs. Judy C. Owens, age 77, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, at her daughter's home in Elba.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Dustin Wisecarver and Rev. Donnie Earles officiating. Burial followed in the Haw Hill Assembly of God Church Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, James Eldridge.

Survivors include her husband: Troy Owens, Elba; daughters: Kaye (Wade) Ellis, Elba, Villa (Ronny) Danford, Wetumpka, Ala., and Renea (Tim) Sumerlin, Northport, Ala.; grandsons: Jonathon Ellis, Elba, Joseph Sumerlin, Nashville, Tenn., and Jacob Sumerlin, of Dayton, Tenn.; granddaughters: Kim (James) Fuller, Wilsonville, Ala., and Kayla Danford, Wetumpka; along with six great-grandchildren.

LOIS JOHNSON

Ms. Lois Johnson, age 88, of Enterprise, Ala., died Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022, at Macedonia Baptist Church, Lockhart, Ala., with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Lois was born December 2, 1923 to the late John Fluornoy and the late Lena Downing Fluornoy, of Brundidge, Ala., during the great depression. She grew up walking to her childhood church, Shiloh Baptist Church in Tarentum, Ala., where she later became a member and Deaconess. She also was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 103 where she was treasurer. At the age of 20 in 1945, she married the late Earlie Johnson Sr.

Survivors include her daughter: Virginia Johnson Tyson, Enterprise; son: Earlie Johnson Jr., Laurel Hill, Fla.; one sister: Lola Copeland, Louisville, Ky.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

MARY HODGE

Mrs. Mary Hodge, of Enterprise, Ala., died Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022, at her home.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, at Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Mary was born May 20,

1965 to Luther Mahoney (deceased) and Mary Lee Williams. Shortly after graduating high school, she enlisted in the United States Army where she served as an aircraft electrician. In 1991 she married her husband of 31 years, James A. Hodge Jr., and raised two daughters.

In 2002 Mary graduated from Saint Leo University with a Bachelor's degree in business and minor in accounting; Magnum Cum Laude.

In 2007 the Hodge family settled in Enterprise where Mary worked as a records specialist for 12 years.

Survivors include her husband: James A. Hodge Jr., Enterprise; two daughters: Aliesha McErvin (Vonte'), and Jameila Hodge; one grandson: Tristopher James Sherwood (T.J.), and one on the way of Enterprise; her mother: Mary Lee Williams, Washington, Ga.; two sisters: Jeannie Ferrell, Washington, and Cynthia Patoina (Michael, Winterville, Ga.; along with a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

RUBY NEAL

Mrs. Ruby Neal, of Enterprise, Ala., died Sunday, September 4, 2022.

Funeral services were held Friday, Sept. 9, 2022, at Johns Chapel AME Enterprise with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Mrs. Neal was born on February 28, 1971. She was the executive director at Serenity South Senior Living in Elba, where she was employed for 13 years.

She was preceded in death by her father - Dice Evans, brother - Christopher Bell, and grandparents - Sennie and Willie Fred Bell.

Survivors include her mother: Annie Pearl Bell, Enterprise; husband: David Neal; three daughters: Delores Williams (Brandon), Fayetteville, NC, Courtney Williams, Montgomery, Ala., and Deanna Gibson (Douglas), Blackshear, Ga.; stepchildren: David Neal Jr. and Michael Neal of New Orleans, La.; five grandchildren: Alexander, London, Jailyn, Kacelyn, and Elliott; one sister:

Lula Haynes (Michael), Enterprise; three brothers: Lemoses Bell, Anthony Evans, and Gordon Evans; two nephews: Michael Haynes and James Haynes, both of Enterprise; Godson: Michael Robbins; special friends: Pamela Williams, Mavis Lewis, and Brenda Crawford; and a host of other family and friends.

PATRICIA ANN WATFORD

Ms. Patricia Ann Watford, age 81, beloved sister and aunt and a resident of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022, at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp, Ala.

Nana Pat, as she was lovingly referred, was born in 1941 in Columbus, Ga. She eventually settled in Birmingham, Ala., where she worked for AT&T for over 20 years, retiring and moving to Elba in 1992. In 2014, she relocated to Rome, Ga., but she had recently moved back home to Elba.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022, from the Chapel at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel in Elba at 2 p.m. Visitation will be at the funeral home prior to the service, from 1-2 p.m.

Ms. Watford was preceded in death by her parents: James and Edna (Boyett) Watford; sister: Kathy Watford Giles; and nephews: David Church and Brad Pence.

Survivors include her sister: Sherry Church Johnson, Ponce Inlet, Fla.; brother: Jerry Watford (Midge), Rome, Ga.; brother-in-law: Barry Giles, Elba; nieces and nephews: Tami Watford Lob, Rome, Douglas Watford; Atlanta, Ga., Vickie Church Smith (Cliff), Ponce Inlet, Lisa Church Pence, and Patricia Church Worthington (Tony), both of Rantoul, Ill., Amy Giles, Warren Giles, and Kara Poole (Chris), all of Elba; her great-nieces and nephews: Eric Trotter, and Aron Trotter, both of Rome, Ben Jordahl (Je'Ne), Port Orange, Fla., Brandon Pence (Anna), Champaign, Ill., Cole Pence (Katie), Warrenville, Ill., Marissa

Pence, Rantoul, Morrison Worthington Biel (Joseph), Dariene, Ill., Ryne Worthington (Christina), Champaign, Ill., Joshua Giles, Enterprise, Ala., Jacob Rodriguez (Grace), Liza Rodriguez, Keaton Poole, Stella Edgar, and Jace Poole, all of Elba, Kayleigh Poole, Andalusia, Ala., Aria Giles, Luverne, Ala.; and her great great-nieces and nephews: Finley Jordahl and Hudson Jordahl, both of Port Orange, Brauyn Biel, Dariene, Kaliyah Crittenden, Andalusia, Ava Pence, Warrenville, and Oakleigh-Anne Kathy Rodriguez, Elba.

VARA LUE HENDERSON

Mrs. VaraLueHenderson, age 95, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022, at her son's home in Letohatchee, Ala.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with her grandson MJR Josh Henderson and grandson-in-law Greg Ward officiating. Burial followed in the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Henderson was preceded in death by her husband - Buron J. Henderson, along with her parents - Ola and Obie Reeves.

Survivors include her daughter: Jeanette Muth, Huntsville, Ala.; sons: Glen (Deborah) Henderson, Letohatchee, and Randall Henderson, Elba; sister: June Kelley, Elba; four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.





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Supporting Someone After a Suicide
Losing someone to suicide may be one of the most heartbreaking and difficult forms of grief. Oftentimes, after such a loss, people are left with painful questions and burdensome memories. Here are a few ways to help support someone after a recent loss due to suicide.
As suicide rates climb, supporting those near to you is vital. Supporting those you know and love can be as simple as a phone call or a quick text message to check in on them. Dropping by to make sure that they are well and taking care of themselves can be an important way to support someone after a recent traumatic loss.
Encourage your friend or family member to enter counseling for their loss. Professional help is one of the best ways to help work through such grief and finding practical and professional mental health support can be the difference between moving through grief with grace or sinking deeper into despair. If needed, volunteer to go with them to a grief counseling seminar or a group therapy session: your support likely will make it easier to get help.
Offer to help your friend or loved one clean up the space left behind by the person they lost. Cleaning up a room can be painful for anyone but it can be especially painful after a difficult loss. Encourage them to keep some clothing and photos from a better time: that may ease some of the pain of loss. Encourage them to donate any other clothing pieces that could maybe help someone else in need. Make a photo collage out of any photos that may be left behind and frame other treasured items the deceased kept. These mementos can help provide a place to remember the person at their best rather than focusing on the troubled times.
After a loss to suicide, it may seem daunting to try and help a close friend or family member but supporting those who have lost someone to suicide is a vital part of the grief process. If someone you know is in crisis, there are resources provided below.
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Elba mayor clarifies use of funds for land purchase

During the Elba City Council meeting Monday night, Mayor Tom Maddox said he wanted to clarify some misunderstandings regarding the use of monies to purchase the property in which the city had hoped would be the future site of the South Central Alabama Mental Health facility.

"Anyone who read in the paper the article, which was accurate, there may have been some misunderstanding for the use of monies," Maddox said.

He said the June 13th meeting minutes show where the council gave the mayor authority to negotiate purchase of lots for a potential economic development project.

"That is what we did, and we felt like it was a good move," Maddox said. I had talked with Daniel Stephens with the Industrial Development Board and Bart Boothe [city attorney] and based on Alabama Code 11-54-93 funds in the Industrial Development Board should be reverted back to the city if not used for a specific project."

He said those funds were no longer being used for the project in which had originally been intended because it fell through.

"Probably the best thing that could have been done was to put those funds back in the [city's] general fund prior to when we did," Maddox said.

Council member Jane Brunson asked if all the funds were transferred back or just enough to purchase the land, and Maddox said just the amount that was used for the land purchase.

"So, technically, they need to return the rest of the money to us," Brunson said. Later in the meeting, the mayor recognized local businessman Ted Vignola who had asked to speak on the matter.

"I want to know why you bought the property and didn't get an option on it when you didn't have a contract with the mental health facility?" he asked.

He said the property had

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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Elba First Assembly of God Church

Our family in Africa lives very near the Atlantic Ocean. In fact, the coastline is only a few minutes' drive from their home. Proximity to the ocean provides a real boost to the local economy. Tourism and fishing are two of the engines that keep the area running.

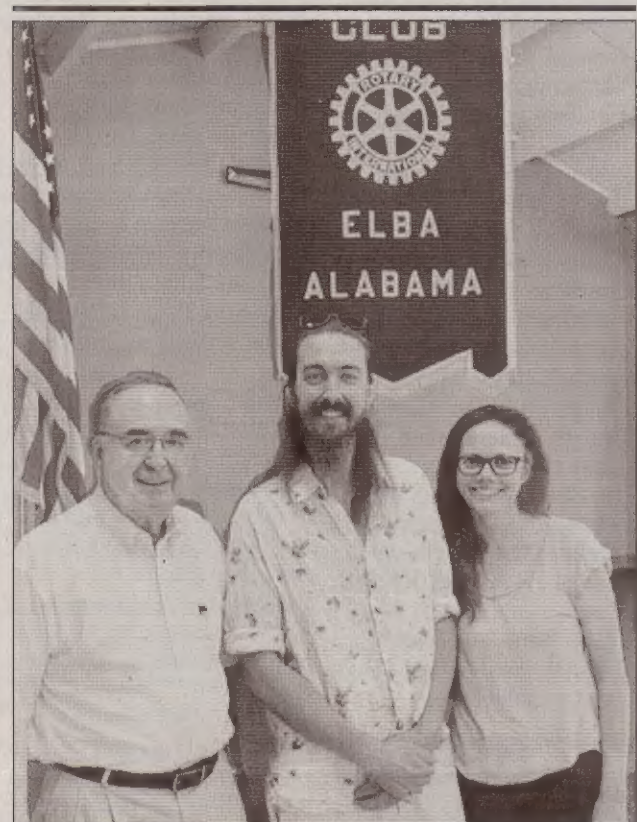
While visiting, Wanda and I enjoyed watching local fishermen and their colorful boats. Men and boys were enjoying the surf as they pulled their boats out or brought them in. But, so some, the vast body of water has an entirely different meaning, and produces other emotions.

In the book of Revelation, we find John the Apostle on the Island of Patmos, to where he had been banished for his testimony of Jesus. Patmos is a small, rocky island in the Aegean Sea, several miles from the coast of Turkey. To John, this body of water may have meant separation. Because of it, he was separated from those he loved.

Honestly, I understand. When Wanda and I vacationed in Maine last year, I stood on the Atlantic coast, faced south-eastward, and thought, "My baby girl is somewhere over there - way over there."

By the end of John's vision, he had a promise; a hope. In Revelation 21:1 he shares, "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone." No more separation. No more longing. No more pain.

One day there will be a blessed reunion for all who know and follow the Lord. I am looking forward to that day. Together forever with loved ones and with Jesus!



ELBA ROTARY CLUB MEETING GUESTS... Jake and Hannah Pendleton were guests of Mayor Tom Maddox (left) at the Elba Rotary Club meeting Tuesday, Aug. 16. The Pendletons shared with Elba Rotarians about their backgrounds, their real estate business, and their work renovating the two-story office building located at the corner of Court and Putnam streets in downtown Elba.

Westside Baptist and First Baptist to host Community Revival, Sept. 18-21, in Elba

The 2022 Community Revival, sponsored by Elba First Baptist Church and Westside Baptist Church, will be next week in Elba.

Services for Sunday, Sept. 18, and Monday, Sept. 19, will be held at Westside Baptist Church with guest speaker Dr. Michael Mynatt. Services for Tuesday, Sept. 20, and Wednesday, Sept. 21, will be at First Baptist Church of Elba with Nick Akin as the guest.

All services begin at 6 p.m. each night.

Westside Baptist Church is located at 1026 Caroline Street, Elba, while First Baptist Church is located at 606 Simmons Street, Elba.

For more information, call (334) 897-2520 or (334) 897-2246.

Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church Homecoming will be Sunday, Oct. 2nd

Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church, located at 3698 County Road 228, Elba, Ala., will hold Homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 2.

The Old Southern Gospel Group will provide music beginning at 10 a.m., and services

will begin at 11. Bro. Will Jordan, Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church will provide the message, followed by dinner on the grounds.

These are the first services since the pandemic, and everyone is invited to attend!

Elba Ministerial Alliance meeting set for Thursday, Oct. 6, at noon

The Elba Ministerial Alliance will meet Thursday, Oct. 6, at 12 noon at The Rabbit Hole, located at 214 Factory Street, Elba.

The group of local ministers meets every first Thursday of the month at

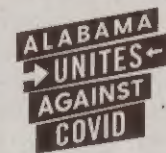
noon at local restaurants. All churches and faith-based organizations are invited to attend!

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Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: Praise to God the Ruler of the Earth [Psalm 47: 1-9]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Isaiah Franklin Jr., Robyn Patterson, Betty Moore, Beatrice Belcher, Marcus O. Kelley, Vincent Smith, Sharron Fitch, All COVID-19 Pandemic Patients, Tommie Mae Faison Davis

September Birthdays / Anniversaries

Richard Kyles 9/6
Iverson Kelley 9/7
Carter Cross 9/8
Edwina H. Williams 9/9
Melonie Lands 9/9
Brandy Caldwell 9/10
Rev. Arthur Gilford 9/10
Jahari Tyhiem Jones 9/10
Novella Robinson 9/11
Grover and Eria L. Belcher 9/12 W.A. in memory
A'miya Alexis Hutchinson 9/12
Min. Cedric Williams 9/12

** What Goes Around Comes Around?

Most of us have heard others use the word 'karma'. By this they typically mean that someone who has done wrong is now being repaid by a negative circumstance. The popular Karmic sentiment "what goes around comes around" is appealing at first glance since it seems to say the same thing as the Bibles regarding reaping what one sows [Proverbs 11:18; 22:8, etc]

However, karma is a pagan concept. The notion that karma determines one's future [reincarnated] lives should cause us to recognize the idea as unbiblical. Another red flag is that karma is a rigid, unyielding cause-and-effect system. Paul, as a Christian of Jewish background, knew that God had forgiven his sins, with no future punishment in store.

Even so, Paul came to experience the kind of persecution he had inflicted on

others [Acts 8: 1-3; 9:1,2; Galatians 1:13; Philippians 3:6]. It could make him even more grateful that the Lord had forgiven him and saved him from such a sinful life. What about you? -C.R.B.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 9-15-2022

True or False

Q: The man healed at Lystra had never walked.

A: True [Acts 14:8]

Q: James uses both fire and poison to describe the tongue.

A: True [James 3: 6,8]

Q: King Darius commanded the furnace be heated hotter than usual.

A: True [Daniel 3:19]

Questions for the Week of 9-22-2022

Multiple Choice, Use Your Concordance

Q: In James, which of Abraham's actions illustrate that faith without works is dead? (left home, circumcised, offered Isaac)

Q: What other example of faith and works does James use? (Joshua, Rahab, Ruth)

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

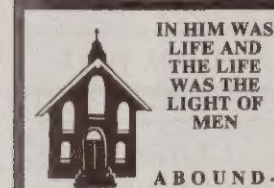
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Church Directory



IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIGHT OF MEN

ABUNDANT LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Harry Driggers, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

BETHLE AME CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Remonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
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Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Paul Jackson, Pastor
Sunday Fellowship... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week" & meal... 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
KH Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Overseers - Billy Berry
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

GREATHER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HOLY TEMPLE COGIC
Glenwood, AL
Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 9:40 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Bib. Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Loreal Flowers, Minister
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Julian Mitchell, Pastor
1st, 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School... 11:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

PRASE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME CHURCH
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 12 noon
Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.
Fri. Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba
Max Rerf, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
C.P. Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH
Donald Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Mayne Allen, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE
Ruby Lawson, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Ken Wilson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dustin Wisecarver, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Donnie Marler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Mike Medley, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Cary Maulden, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

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LIFESTYLES

In conjunction with Jack Day Festival

Altrusa of Jack plans Miss Sunflower Queen Pageant

Altrusa International of Jack, Alabama will host the 2022 Miss Sunflower Queen Pageant on Sunday, Sept. 18, at the Zion Chapel High School auditorium. The pageant will begin at 2 p.m.

The pageant is held in conjunction with the Altrusa's annual Jack Day Community Festival. This is the 19th year for the festival.

There is a \$25 required entry fee for all ages to participate in the pageant.

Categories include: Baby Miss [0-23 Months], Tiny Miss [2-3 Years], Little Miss [4-6 Years], Petite Miss [7-9

Years], Junior Miss [10-12 Years], Teen Miss [13-15 Years], and Sunflower Queen [16-18 Years]

All contestants will be required to wear PAGEANT DRESSES, NO HEIRLOOM DRESSES! MAKEUP IS ALLOWED IN ALL CATEGORIES!

Optional categories (not included in entry fee): Photogenic \$5 (no larger than 8x10, color or b/w, must provide own photo with contestant name printed on back of photo); Prettiest Hair \$5; Prettiest Eyes \$5; Prettiest Dress \$5; Prettiest Smile \$5; Or

Enter ALL optional categories for \$20. Please make checks payable to Altrusa International of Jack.

Deadline to turn in the form is the day of the pageant. This pageant is not limited to Zion Chapel students, anyone in the surrounding areas may participate.

For more information, or to register to enter, contact Stacey Nelson at (334) 494-6184.

The Jack Day Festival will be Saturday, Oct. 1, and the Sunflower Queens will be recognized at the festival.



GIVING BACK...Local Woodmen Life representatives recently donated \$15,000 to the Ronald McDonald House during the South Alabama Annual Regional Event. 29 Chapters for Woodmen Life came together to raise the funds for the donation. Those pictured above include (from left): Robby Molony; Linda Westbrook; Philip Curtis; Shelia Hall; Ronald McDonald House representative; Chip Westbrook; Janna Curtis; David Lowery; Ashley Kiplinger, and Mikw Hutto.

LAND

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been on the market for 25-plus years, and it seemed like a bad decision to purchase before the city knew for sure if it was going to get the facility or not.

Also, he said there used to be a tractor company on the property, and he wondered if the city had an environmental study done before purchasing to the property to know if the dirt was going to have to be cleaned from old oils and gases.

"That could cost a small fortune," Vignola said.

The mayor answered, "our thought was it was

going to be a good property [to acquire] regardless if the mental health came or not because of its proximity to U.S. Hwy 84."

Vignola said he just didn't agree with paying \$13,809 per acre for property that

seemed to have been for sale "forever."

At the conclusion of Vignola's remarks, the mayor thanked him for his comments, and said it was taken under advisement how he feels.



SPECIAL GUEST AT ELBA ROTARY CLUB MEETING...Dr. Adell S. Goodwin (right), District Governor 2022-23 for Rotary District 6880, visited with the members of the Elba Rotary Club at their lunch meeting Tuesday, Aug. 30. Dr. Goodwin is a member of the Rotary Club of Dothan. Pictured with her are Elba Rotary President Steve Reneau and Rotarian Sandy Williams, who serves as an Assistant District Governor.



ELBA LIONS CLUB SPEAKER...Twelfth Judicial Circuit Judge Shannon Clark was the guest speaker at a recent Elba Lion's Club meeting. Those pictured above include (from left) James Kelley, Cal Donnia Howard, Judge Clark, Carlos Magwood, and Leo Brown.

ELBA

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paring the submitted bid to a project completed previously on Simmons Street, and he said he could not understand why this project, a smaller one than the Simmons Street project, would be so much higher.

"This is not as big a project and we are paying more," Wise commented to Grantham. "Do you think this is too high?"

Grantham said the increase in the cost of products has gone up greatly on most everything — concrete, fuel, asphalt, rock, hauling, etc. She said everything has just gone up in price, and that is greatly affecting project bids.

While he said he can't understand in his head why the cost of the project is so high, Wise added that he understands the engineer would know more about prices than the council.

"On the Simmons Street project we have four quotes. Were none of them interested in this project?" Wise asked.

Grantham said they were not. She said she also contacted the contractor that submitted the quote when the Putnam Street project was first declared an emergency, and he was not interested either.

Mayor Tom Maddox asked Grantham to give the council the downside of not doing Putnam at this time. "It is going to get worse," she answered. "Then, the cost to fix it is going to increase even more."

Also, Grantham said there are water, sewer and gas lines going across Putnam. Eventually, she said the erosion could start undermining the utilities there, and if that happens, the project will get really expensive to fix at that point.

Council member Jane Brunson asked how long it is anticipated to take to complete the project for both Putnam and Woodland.

Grantham said, weather permitting, approximately 60 days. However, she reminded the council that

this is hurricane season, and a big storm could slow the project down by weeks.

As more questions were asked as to why the project would be so expensive, Grantham said as much as she would like to be able to that she simply could not "make the prices."

"Bottom line is we should have contracted for it several months ago," Brunson said.

Grantham said she would glad to work in any direction the council asked her to go with the project, but she said her biggest concern with delaying is creating more erosion for each area making the issue larger.

Brunson made a motion to award the bid for the culvert repairs on Putnam Street and Woodland Drive to S A Graham so the matter could be discussed, she said. A second was provided by council member Johnathan Lockett.

Council member asked several more pricing questions and discussed having

Grantham go back to the contractor to try and negotiate a better price.

Again, Grantham explained that the erosion had increased for both areas since they were first inspected, and that was adding to the increased costs for the project.

Lockett said his only concern was the roads/erosion getting worse if the council put the project off.

"I am not trying to pressure you, but if you continue to put Putnam off and it begins to undermine the utilities, you could increase this to a million-dollar project," Grantham said. "If it keeps eroding, we don't know what else will happen to undermine the area."

Following the lengthy discussion, Brunson made another motion to table the original motion until the Sept. 26th council meeting to give Grantham more time to speak again with the contractor to see if she could negotiate a lower price.

Wise provided the second for the motion to table, and it passed by unanimous vote.

Inman to visit and speak at events in October in Elba

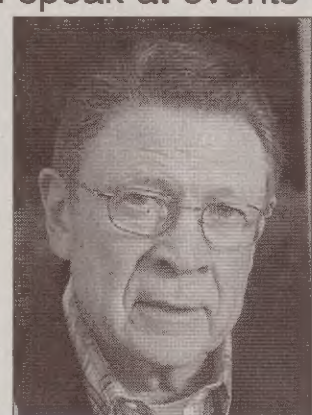
Community members of all ages will have a chance to meet Elba native and award-winning novelist, screenwriter, and playwright Robert "Bob" Inman at events in Elba on October 11 and 12.

On Tuesday, October 11, following a visit with the Elba Public Library Book Club and meeting with students at Elba High School, Inman will be featured at the historic Elba Theatre at 6:30 p.m. to discuss "Elba Stories," preceded by a reception at 5:30 p.m., where submissions to an essay and art contest will be on display. On October 12 at 10:00 a.m., he will lead a workshop on "Writing Your Life" at the library.

Inman began his writing career in junior high school working for the *Elba Clipper*. He has written five novels and one work of non-fiction related to growing up in Elba, as well as screenplays for television movies and scripts for plays that are performed around the country. You can read more about his career at www.robert-inman.com.

The Elba Public Library has multiple copies of several books by Inman, and librarian Jennifer Amlong encourages everyone to enjoy any of his books where small town Southern characters come to life.

"We are very excited to



Bob Inman

have Mr. Inman visit," says Jennifer Amlong, director of the library. "Elba is fortunate to have such an esteemed writer as a native, and the library would love for people to check out one of multiple copies of his books in preparation of his visit."

Inman's visit is co-sponsored by the Elba Public

Library, Restoration 154, and the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities at Auburn University. For more information, visit www.restoration154.com or contact Jennifer Amlong (jamlong@elbaal.gov, 334-897-6921) or Mark Wilson (mwilson@auburn.edu, 334-844-6198).



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THE ELBA CLIPPER • THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 Patriot Day event held Sept. 10th in Elba

The FIRST Elba 9/11 Patriot Day Ceremony was held Saturday, Sept. 10, on the square in Elba.

Event organizer Travis Parker said he was glad the City of Elba and Elba Chamber of Commerce were excited to bring the event to Elba.

"It was great to work with Mayor Tom Maddox and Chamber Director Sandy Williams," co-organizer Cissy Hutto said.

Flags placed in the lawn of the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba symbolically represented those killed on Sept. 11, 2001. Prior to Saturday's ceremony, there was a 20-minute video scrolling the names of the 2,977 victims he flags honored.

Jerome Jackson served as

Master of Ceremony, and he asked all to rise while DAR Regent Jacque Hawkins gave the Opening Invocation. The SAR State Color Guard presented the Colors with AMVETS Commander Kevin Turley leading the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Jackson singing the National Anthem. God Bless America was played on a bagpipe with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department doing a flyover as the last note was fading out.

The first speaker was SAR President Travis Parker about the "Tunnel To Towers" and "Luke's Wings" programs that CCV has set-up for First Responders and Veterans. A Proclamation from the City of Elba was ready by Councilwoman

Jane Brunson with Mayor Tom Maddox reading one from Governor Kay Ivey.

Touching messages were given by Elba Fire Chief Drew Parker and Chaplain Leon Adams. AMVETS Chaplain & 1st Responder John Logsdon gave the Closing Invocation, with Amazing Grace played on the bagpipe, followed by 3 round Salute Volleys fired by Clanton's Battery, with LBW Music Director Johnny Brewer Closing the Ceremony with Taps.

Other organizations involved were Southeast AMVETS Post 7, Wiregrass Sons of the American Revolution, John Coffee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Coffee County Veterans.

PUBLIC NOTICES:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN THE MATTER OF THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS FOR THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF MINOR CHILD

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: LILLY ERENA POWERS DOB: 10/18/2012 A MINOR CHILD.

Case No.: 2022-DR-9086

AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION BY RELATIVE AND FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

To: Michael Patrick Powers Biological Father Last Known Address: 119 Jonathan Lane Daleville, Alabama 36322

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Russell J. Frank, Esq., whose address is CPLS, P.A., 201 E. Pine Street, Suite 445, Orlando, Florida 32801, on or before October 20, 2022, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 425 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, Florida 32801 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

Failure to file a written response to the petition constitutes grounds upon which the court may terminate parental rights. Failure to appear at the hearing constitutes grounds upon which the court may terminate parental rights. You have a right to ask that a future hearing be reset for a later date so that you may consult with an attorney; and an opportunity to admit or deny the allegations in the petition.

You are the legal father of a minor female child born on 10/18/2012 in Ocoee, Orange County, Florida, to wit, L.E.P., and you are described as being thirty-one (31) years old; White; 6'2" or 6'3", around 200 pounds, strawberry blonde hair, possible green eyes

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires au-

tomatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: 8/23/2022

TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: /s/ Felicia Sanders Deputy Clerk 425 North Orange Ave. Suite 320 Orlando, Florida 32801 9/1,8,15&22-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARET LYNN DIXON DECEASED

CASE NO: PC-2022-075

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
Letter of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 16th day of August, 2022, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allow by law or the same will be barred.

TAMMY BOYD
By: /s/ Chelsea Hester Attorney for Personal Representative 9-1,8,15-pd

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PAUL HARRISON, DECEASED,

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA (ELBA DIVISION)

CASE NO PC-2022-049

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of PAUL HARRISON, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 25th day of August 2022, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Betty Ann Messer Betty Ann Messer Personal Representative of said Estate 9-1,8,15-pd

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

An online sale will be held at www.storage-treasures.com for A-Less Storage, Enterprise, Alabama, on or after 12:30 PM Thursday,

September 22nd, 2022. Personal property of the following units will be sold for cash to satisfy owner's lien for due in accordance with AL Code § 8-15-34

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9/8,15-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF REX PARKER, Deceased.

CASE NO PC 2022-064

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Rex Parker having been granted to Jennifer K. Parker Parrish on the 30th day of August 2022, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jennifer K Parker Parrish Jennifer K. Parker Parrish Administrator of said Estate

By /s/ Lee F. Knowles Lee F. Knowles Attorney for Petitioner and the Estate 9/8,15,22-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE MATTER OF JIMMY GLENN CHANDLER (D/O/B/ 07/16/1970)
An incapacitated person

CASE NO: PC-2021-071

FINAL SETTLEMENT NOTICE

This day came Doris Daye Conservator of the property of Jimmy Glenn Chandler, an incapacitated person, and files her account vouchers, evidence and statements for a final settlement of her Conservatorship.

It is ORDERED that the 6th day of October, 2022 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. be appointed a day on which to make such settlement, at which time all persons interested can appear and contest the said settlement if they think proper.

It is further ORDERED that a copy of Petitioner's pleading styled "Motion to Dismiss Guardianship and Conservatorship" and the Order setting the Petition for Hearing, along with a copy of this Final Settlement Notice be served on all interested parties.

WITNESS my hand this 31st day of August 2022

/s/ JODEE R. THOMPSON JODEE R. THOMPSON, JUDGE OF PROBATE

James H. Tarbox Marsh & Cotter, LLP P.O. Box 310910 Enterprise, Alabama 36330 Attorney for Conservator

9/8,15/22-pd

CITY OF ELBA ORDINANCE NO. 09122022

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON BRIDGES WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF ELBA.

WHEREAS, the downtown business district shall consist of all streets, roads, and highways lying inside the public highway loop, beginning at the intersection of AL Hwy 189 and Hwy 203 south of Elba and continuing east on US Hwy 84 to the intersection of Davis Street and Hwy 84 east of the city.

WHEREAS, the bridges within that district belong to the City of Elba and are required to be maintained by the city.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to prevent damage to city bridges in the City of Elba which may be caused by vehicles of excessive weight, to extend the life expectancy of city bridges, and to reduce the public expense of their maintenance and repair.

WHEREAS, Ala Code section 32-9-20 authorizes a county and municipalities to further restrict bridges weight limits on city roadways as necessary to protect the general welfare and public safety.

THEREFORE, The Police Chief, or other officer of the Elba Police Department in conjunction with The City of Elba's Street Department, shall install and post weight limits as determined by the city engineer and bridge inspector at the approaches to all bridges within the city of Elba. The City Council of Elba has determined that any person violating the posted weight restriction shall be cited by any duly authorized peace officer with a Uniform Traffic Complaint and any such violation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).

I, Sally Bane, Elba City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 09122022 was passed by Unanimous Consent by the City Council of the City of Elba on the 12th day of September, 2022., and I further certify the compliance with the Codified Ordinances and the laws of the State of Alabama, pertaining to Public Meetings.

/s/ Sally Bane City Clerk 9/15-chg.

SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox
By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our first born grandson Lawson celebrated his 12th birthday last week and it just doesn't seem possible that my little man can really be just a year away from being a teenager. Lawson has been almost a daily visitor since he and his Mom moved back to Elba eight years ago, and I pray he it will continue that way for years to come as we get to watch him grow into a young man.

For what it is worth....

*** The Elba Tigers and Brantley Bulldogs renewed their football rivalry last week and the battle of state 1A powers was everything it was billed to be as the Tigers scored late after a gallant Brantley comeback attempt to knock off the top-ranked Bulldogs 42-35. Elba led 28-14 at the half and carried a 35-22 lead into the fourth quarter, but watched Brantley rally to pull even midway through the quarter and needed a late score to regain the lead and escape with the win. The game was far from perfect from a coaching viewpoint as Elba had five fumbles that resulted in 39 yards in losses and a Brantley touchdown, while Brantley was flagged for 17 penalties for 156 yards, including six major distance penalties. It was a fun game to watch for the fans; however, as they got to enjoy the atmosphere that is high school football, cheer after big plays, and yell at the refs. Yep, it was a good one!

Elba continued to be led on offense by sophomore running back Alvin Henderson, who rushed for 247 yards and 5 touchdowns, but the Tigers did pull a rabbit out of their hats as they were a perfect 4 for 4 passing for over 100 yards and a 66-yard td toss. The Elba offense began to grow a little and showed it could do more than just snap the ball to Henderson and watch him run. Over on defense the Tigers allowed four touchdowns and continued to struggle to defend the pass, but did come up with a couple of big plays of their own, including a big fourth down stop near the midfield stripe. I know there are a lot of things Elba needs to improve on if they hope to keep winning, but this team and coaches don't seem to mind hard work and I expect the Tigers to keep getting better as the season rolls along and to be a team to watch in the 1A ranks.

*** It wasn't the best of weeks for the teams in the area, but Zion Chapel did get its first win of the season to grab the spotlight. The Rebels turned back a talented bunch of Samson Tigers to claim a 19-6 region win and after a slow start may be ready to get on a roll, while New Brockton was surprised by previously winless Daleville 34-24. Kinston battled for all four quarters in a 30-20 region loss to undefeated Georgiana, and Brantley saw its 27-game regular season winning streak snapped in a 42-35 loss to Elba. The Gamecocks slipped to 0-4 with the loss to the Warhawks and appear to be headed for yet another losing season since moving up to the 3A ranks. The Bulldogs from Coffee County have now lost two straight games after opening the season with a win and are already fighting for their playoff lives just four weeks in the season. The Bulldogs from Crenshaw County may have lost the battle in Elba, but are still very talented and aren't going anywhere after a first regular season loss in three years.

*** It was another wild week across the state as 14 teams ranked in the top ten fell to defeat, including two number one teams, and one #2, one #3 and one #4 team. In early season play the schedule often has more to do with the rankings than a team's true quality. Up in the 7A ranks, top-ranked Central, of Phenix City, was knocked off by Opelika 17-14, in overtime, while Enterprise jumped out to a 51-0 halftime advantage and coasted to a 58-14 win over Smiths Station; and Dothan picked up its third win of the young season with a 14-10 win over suddenly struggling Prattville. In 6A, Coach Ed Rigby's Pike Road Patriots evened their record at 2-2 with a 35-21 win over Sidney Lanier, while down in the 5A ranks Charles Henderson remained unbeaten with a surprisingly easy 38-14 romp past Carroll, Eufula remained undefeated with an impressive 43-7 win over Greenville, and Headland continued to be the surprise team in the classification with a solid

Ring Ceremony set for Sept. 29th
for Elba's state champion golf team

The 2022 Elba High School state champion golf team for Class 1A/2A Boys will be celebrated Thursday evening, Sept. 29, with a ring ceremony.

This ceremony will be held at the Elba County Club, beginning at 6 p.m. It is open to the public to attend.

The Elba High School golf program also is still accepting donations to help pay for the state championship rings for the golf team. Donations can be given to Coach Mark Wicker or mailed to Elba High School at 371 Tiger Drive, Elba.

"No donation is too small," Coach Wicker said.

"We are about halfway to having enough funds to pay for the rings. Any and all help is greatly appreciated."

This was Elba's second year in a row to win the state championship for Class 1A/2A boys in the Alabama High School Athletic Association's championship tournament.



12-3 win over Rehobeth. In the 4A ranks, Andalusia continued to cruise with a lopsided 50-9 win over outmanned Bullock County, while Slocomb hit a dead end in a 58-0 loss to top-ranked Montgomery Catholic and Dale County continued its struggles with a 30-13 loss to Montgomery Academy. Things went pretty much as expected in the 3A circles as Houston Academy pounded Ashford 49-16, Straughn rolled over 2A power Clarke County 35-21, and Opp battled past Providence Christian 20-14. In the 2A ranks, Highland Home kept on winning with a big 28-18 win at Lanett, Abbeville got its first win of the season with a 24-8 upset over Geneva County, Arlton dominated G.W. Long 34-18, Luverne evened its record at 2-2 with a 12-10 region win over Horseshoe Bend, and Wicksburg continued to dominate its region foes with a 28-8 win over Cottonwood. In 1A, Florala posted a big 38-20 win over Southern Choctaw and may be a team to keep an eye on, while Pleasant Home slipped past winless McKenzie 25-20 and Red Level blanked Houston County 26-0 to claim an impressive region win on the road.

*** It was a good week for the college teams in the state as all three won, though maybe not as easily as their fans would have liked. Alabama overcame a sea of penalty flags and self-inflicted wounds to get past Texas 20-19, thanks again to the poise and leadership of Bryce Young. One of my Facebook buddies had written earlier in the game that Young's name should never again be mentioned in the same sentence with this year's Heisman voting, but the Bama quarterback proved him wrong as he led a fourth quarter comeback and made two big plays that led to the win. Before leaving the Tide, placekicker Will Reichard may be the most underrated player ever to play football at Alabama. Back two years ago he made every extra point and field goal attempt all season and didn't even make an All-American list, and ever since he has been at Bama he has been one of the most consistent kickers ever! Now over to Auburn, where the Tigers overcame a sluggish start to down San Jose State 24-16, in the type of game Auburn fans have become used to in the early season. The Tigers have a solid team in many areas and will win their share of games, but at least once or twice a year seem to play down to the level of their competition. As for Troy, the Trojans needed a half to get last week's loss to Ole miss out of their system and then took charge in a 38-17 win over an outmatched squad from Alabama A & M. Troy is just beginning its rebuilding process after a bad hire a few years back, and should be a team to watch in its conference sooner than later.

*** Major League Baseball passed a sweeping set of rule changes last week that will be noticeable to even the least interested baseball fan. The changes included the implementation of a pitch clock and a ban on defensive shifts that have become so prevalent in recent seasons. The pitch clock will be set on 15 seconds with no runners on base and 20 seconds with runners on base, and the catcher must be in position when the clock hits 10 seconds, the batter must have both feet in the box at 8 seconds and the pitcher must start a 'motion to pitch' by the expiration of the clock. Violations by the pitcher or catcher will result in a ball to the batter, while a violation by the batter will result in a strike. The banning of defensive shifts will no doubt have an immediate impact on the game, since all teams routinely move an extra infielder to one side of the diamond and often moves an infielder into a place in the outfield. The new rules state all four infielders must have both feet on the dirt and that no more than two infielders will be allowed on either side of second base. In other moves, the league put in a rule changing the size of the base to help prevent collisions, and that a pitcher may make a pickoff attempt to a base only twice while the same batter is at the plate. I will admit I don't like the des-

Hard work to continue

Elba Tigers ready for week off

The Elba Tigers will get a much-needed week off after three straight region games and head coach Marc Sieving feels the break is coming at a good time for his team, especially after last week's big win over top-ranked Brantley.

"I'm sure the players would all like to get back on the field Friday night and line up against another opponent," stated Sieving, "but after four weeks, including three region

games, I think the break is what we needed and will give us a chance to do a lot of work and get better as a team. I know the fans look at our record and get excited. We are excited too. However, we made way too many mistakes last week in a number of areas on offense, defense and the kicking game to continue to win in the league we play in. We've got a lot of work to do, and while we don't have

ignated hitter and downright hate the runner being placed on second in extra-inning games. However, the new rules should help make the games go by quicker and will have little impact on the actual game itself.

*** Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by over the weekend and after hitting only 24 of his 33 picks last week was shaking his head. The local guesspert had been on a roll the last two weeks, but was surprised last week and hinted he may have to bring out his crystal ball earlier than ever if his struggles continue. Oh well, he did leave this week's fearless forecast, and here goes....

BRANTLEY VS. KINSTON

The bulldogs from up across the creek won't be in a good mood this weekend after last week's rare region loss and may have a trap set for the bulldogs from down the road that are planning to make a trip to the pound. On paper this one looks like a mismatch, but games aren't played on paper, and this one could be closer than many think. Nah!

BRANTLEY 40 KINSTON 12

ARITON VS. ZION CHAPEL

The troops from Fort Jack will be back in the field again this weekend and will be hunting a litter of kitties that hang out downtown under the bridge. While the troops will have plenty of ammunition and will be confident of heading home after another successful hunt, the guess here is that the kitties will be too elusive and will send the troops home hungry.

ARITON 41 ZION CHAPEL 7

HOUSTON ACADEMY VS. NEW BROCKTON

The yard birds from down behind the dollar store are still pecking the ground looking for a win and this week must head over to the circle city to tangle with an army of troops that have taken no prisoners thus far in the season. The birds have had a hard time getting airborne thus far in the season and may have to hitch hike back home after this one.

HOUSTON ACADEMY 38 NEW BROCKTON 8

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SCHEDULE

Thursday, Sept. 15
Houston County at Elba
New Brockton at Straughn
Pleasant Home at Kinston
Goshen at Brantley
Luverne at Zion Chapel

Saturday, Sept. 17
Enterprise Tournament

Monday, Sept. 19
Elba at Pike County

New Brockton at
Wicksburg
Zion Chapel at Pike Lib

Tuesday, Sept. 20
Kinston at Houston County
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SPORTS NEWS

Outscore Brantley 42-35

Elba Tigers win 1A ‘Battle of Unbeatens’

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers and Brantley Bulldogs tangled last Thursday night in a Class 1A showdown on Mack Wood Field and when the lights on the scoreboard finally quit flickering it was the Tigers that left the field with a wild 42-35 upset win over the top-ranked Bulldogs.

Brantley received the game's opening kickoff and set sails down the field on a 15-play scoring drive that ate up almost nine minutes off the clock. The drive was led by the running of Kedrick Brown and the passing of Jayden Parks, and it was Parks that capped the drive when he leaped over the goal line from two yards out. The extra-point try failed, but with 3:09 left in the opening quarter the Bulldogs were on top 6-0.

Elba began its initial offensive series at its own 27-yard-line and the Tigers went 73 yards in eight plays to grab the lead. A 36-yard pass from Alvin Henderson to Collin Arnold on the first play of the series set the tone for the long scoring drive, with the Tiger touchdown coming on a 14-yard scamper by Alvin Henderson. Alex Wisecup kicked the extra-point, and with 11:53 left in the second quarter Elba had taken a 7-6 lead.

The Tigers got the ball right back on a fumble recovery at the Brantley 29-yardline and needed only two plays to cash in the turnover, with Alvin Henderson scoring his second touchdown of the night on a 19-yard burst up the middle. Wisecup's extra-point attempt was true, and with 10:00 remaining in the second quarter the Tigers lead was up to 14-6.

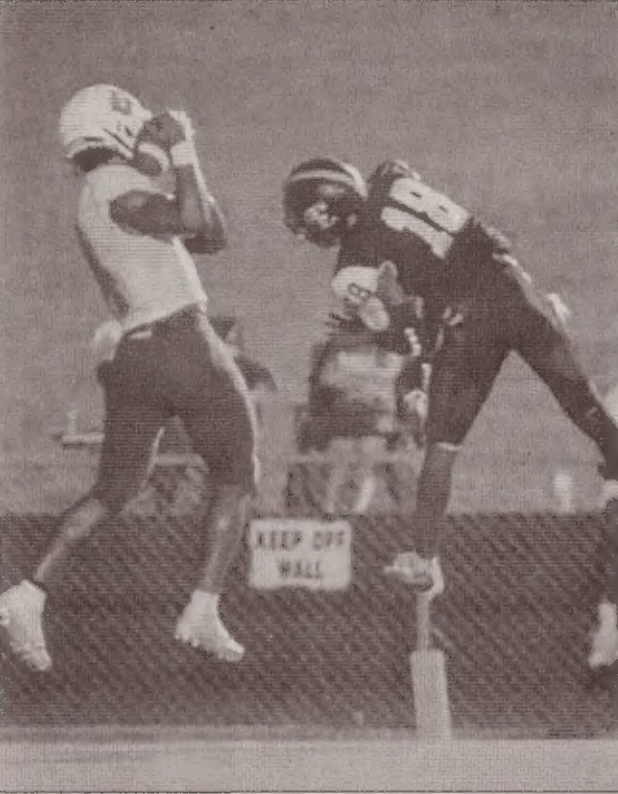
The Elba defense stopped a Brantley fourth down gamble near midfield on the Bulldogs ensuing possession and again the Tigers took advantage of the short field as they went 48 yards in five plays to add to their early advantage. Alvin Henderson got the call on all five plays, and capped the scoring drive with a 29-yard touchdown dash, while Alex Wisecup drilled the extra-point as Elba upped its lead to 21-6 with 2:32 left in the half.

Brantley's offense came back to life on its ensuing possession and needed only three plays to cut into the Elba lead. Jayden Parks completed three straight passes for 49 yards to lead the Bulldogs down the field, with the score coming on a 26-yard touchdown toss from Parks to Kedrick Brown. Parks passed to Kaleb Weed for the two-point conversion, and with 1:09 left on the clock the Bulldogs were back within 21-14.

Elba began its next series near midfield and stunned the Bulldogs by quickly getting back into the endzone. After a penalty flag on first down wiped out a 35-yard gallop by JT Coleman, the Tigers went to the airways and connected when Brayden Johnson found Cayden Adkins running behind the Brantley defense and dropped in a pass that Adkins pulled in and turned into a 66-yard touchdown toss. Wisecup's extra-point was true, and with 31-seconds left in the half the Tigers appeared in command with a 28-14 lead.

Brantley began its initial possession of the second half at its own 20-yardline after an Elba punt and wasted little time as the Bulldogs went 80 yards in seven plays to chop the Elba lead to six points. Kedrick Brown rushed for 63 yards on five carries during the scoring march and scored the Bulldog touchdown on a 3-yard run, and Robert Shine bulled over for the two-point conversion as Brantley pulled within 28-22 with 7:22 left in the third quarter.

Elba lost a fumble on its ensuing possession to stop a scoring threat at the Brantley 5-yardline, but regained pos-



Brantley Bulldog Kedrick Brown (4) goes high to pull in a touchdown pass over Elba Tiger defender Lakai Reynolds (18). The Bulldogs will host Kinston Friday night in region action.

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Elba Tiger Alvin Henderson (2) runs over a would-be Brantley defender as he heads upfield for a big gain in last week's 42-35 win over the top-ranked Bulldogs. Henderson rushed for 247 yards and scored 5 touchdowns in the battle of 1A football powers.

session near midfield after a punt and promptly went 49 yards in four plays to extend its lead. Alvin Henderson got the call on all four snaps capped the scoring drive with a 27-yard scoring dash, and Wisecup booted the extra-point to push the Tigers lead to 35-22 with 3:08 remaining in the quarter.

Brantley began its next possession at its on 44-yardline and wasn't about to be stopped as the Bulldogs marched 56 yards in eight plays to stay within striking distance. Jayden Parks completed two passes for 29 yards and scored the Bulldog touchdown on a 14-yard scamper, and Parks also kicked the extra-point to pull the 'Dogs within 35-29 with 11:56 left in the fourth quarter.

The two region rivals swapped punts on their ensuing possessions, while the Tigers handed the Bulldogs a gift on their second series of the stanza when a fumbled snap in the endzone was recovered by Brantley's Jon Kilcrease for a touchdown. The extra-point try failed after a Brantley penalty, but with 6:43 left on the clock the score was tied at 35-35.

Elba began its ensuing series at the Brantley 36-yardline after a squib kick and the Tigers ate up over five minutes off the clock and overcame a 10-yard penalty and a 13-yard loss on a bad snap to score their final points of the night. Alvin Henderson got the call on nine straight snaps and after butting heads with the Bulldog defense finally crossed the goal line on fourth down and goal from the 1-yardline. Wisecup added the extra-point as Elba regained the lead at 42-35 with 1:33 still left on the clock.

Brantley wasn't about to throw in the towel, but after being set back by a penalty saw a fourth down and 20 pass play marked short of the downs marker as Elba held on to claim the wild 42-35 region win.

Alvin Henderson rushed for 247 yards on 26 carries and scored 5 touchdowns, completed one pass for 36 yards and caught two passes for two yards to lead the Elba offense, while Brayden Johnson completed all three of his pass attempts for 67 yards and one td.

Jacob Watkins led the Tiger defense with 10 tackles, while Cayden Adkins added 8 stops and JT Coleman had 6 tackles.

Brantley's Jayden Parks rushed for 30 yards and 2 touchdowns on six carries and completed 15 of 19 passes for 169 yards and one td to spark the Bulldogs, while Kedrick Brown rushed for 84 yards on 13 carries and scored one td.

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Elba Tiger Kyle Smith (56) makes a stop at the lie of scrimmage on Brantley Bulldog Robert Shine (7) in last week's region clash.



Elba Tiger coach Marc Sieving talks with his team after last week's 42-35 region win over Brantley. The Tigers will be back in action Sept. 23 at home against Providence Christian.

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SPORTS NEWS

In region loss to Georgiana

Late scores doom Kinston 30-20

Statistics by W.J. Adcock
Photos by Linda Hodge

The Kinston Bulldogs saw a fourth quarter lead evaporate in the game's final four minutes in a disappointing 30-20 region loss to the Georgiana Panthers, last Friday night in Georgiana.

Kinston began its first offensive series of the night near midfield after a defensive stop and promptly marched 45 yards in seven running plays to grab an early 7-0 lead. Jeb Crosby rushed for 24 yards on three carries to help lead the Bulldogs down the field, while Cale Sumblin added 21 yards on three carries and scored the touchdown on a 1-yard run. Marcus Free kicked the extra-point, and with 3:28 left in the first quarter Kinston was on top 7-0.

Kinston's Cale Sumblin recovered a Panther fumble on the ensuing kickoff and the Bulldogs took advantage of the short field to add to their lead. The score came on a 56-yard gallop by Dylan Davis, and after Free added the extra-point the Bulldogs lead was up to 14-0 with 1:43 still left in the quarter.

The excitement on the Kinston sidelines didn't last for long; however, as on the ensuing kickoff Georgiana's Demetrius Watson fielded the kick at

the 32-yardline and scooted 68 yards for a Panther score. Jacobie Morgan passed to Cameron Miles for the two-point conversion, and with 1:30 remaining in the opening quarter Kinston's lead had been trimmed to 14-8.

Kinston drove inside the Georgiana 40-yardline twice in the second quarter, but failed to cash in either scoring opportunity and at the half the Bulldogs carried a slim 14-8 lead into the dressing room.

Georgiana began its initial possession of the third quarter at its own 35-yardline after a Kinston punt and went 65 yards in eight plays to take its first lead of the game. Cameron Miles was the workhorse of the scoring drive as he rushed for 51 yards on six carries and capped the drive with a 7-yard scoring dash. Miles also scored a two-point conversion as the Panthers went on top 16-14 with 5:43 left in the quarter.

Kinston was forced to punt on its next possession, but got the ball back at the Panthers 22-yardline after a short punt, and took advantage of the short field to regain the lead. Cale Sumblin rushed for 13 yards on the short scoring drive, while the Bulldog touchdown came on a 6-yard pass from Sumblin to Jeb Crosby. The extra-

point try failed, but with 9:20 remaining in the fourth quarter Kinston was back on top 20-16.

Georgiana began its ensuing possession at its own 37-yardline and drove 63 yards in 15 plays to move back on top. Jacobie Morgan completed two passes for 26 yards to lead the Panthers down the field, while Morgan capped the five-minute scoring drive with a 21-yard scoring scamper. A two-point attempt failed; however, with 3:55 left on the clock Georgiana had regained the lead 22-20.

Kinston saw its comeback hopes dimmed on the ensuing kickoff when the Panthers pounced on a Bulldog fumble at the Kinston 30-yardline, and then saw its hopes disappear six plays later when Cameron Miles scored on a 2-yard run. Miles also ran in the two-point conversion, and with 2:33 left on the clock Kinston's upset hopes were over as Georgiana celebrated the 30-20 region win.

Cale Sumblin rushed for 116 yards and one touchdown on 16 carries and completed 4 of 7 passes for 12 yards to lead the Bulldog offense, while Jeb Crosby added 58 yards rushing on 11 carries and Dylan Davis rushed for 21 yards and one td on three carries.



Kinston Bulldog Cale Sumblin (17) drops off a short pass to a Bulldog teammate, in recent action. Kinston will travel to Brantley Friday night for a region clash with the Brantley Bulldogs.

For AHSAA Class 1A Volleyball

Kinston Lady 'Dawgs ranked 7th in state

Stats submitted by
Coach Suzanne Elmore

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs currently are ranked #7 in Class 1A varsity volleyball for the Alabama High School Athletic Association, and the Lady 'Dawgs are 6-4 on the season after last week's action, including wins over Florala and Zion Chapel.

On Tuesday, Sept. 6, the varsity Lady 'Dawgs defeated the Florala Lady Wildcats in a three-set match, 25-16, 25-13, and 25-8. Claire McReynolds had 41 sets, 34 serves, and eight aces in the match. Other team leaders were Danielle Cain with 19 passes, and Madison Lolley with 18 hits and 7 kills.

Also, on Sept. 6, Kinston's JV volleyball team won their match against Florala in two sets, 25-18 and 25-18. Bella Lashley had 10 sets and

two kills, Sage Beck had 18 passes and two kills, and Lilli Sumblin accounted for 19 passes, and two aces on nine serves.

On Thursday, Sept. 8, Kinston had three teams in action against Zion Chapel, and all three squads won their matches.

The varsity Lady 'Dawgs won in three straight sets, 25-7, 25-14, and 25-22, over the Lady Rebels. Madison Lolley had seven aces on 22 serves while Baylee Smith had seven hits and two kills. Also, Claire McReynolds had 25 sets, and Danielle Cain accounted for two blocks in the win.

The JV Lady 'Dawgs won in three sets, 25-16, 23-25, and 15-8. This win upped the Kinston JV's record to 5-2 on the season.

Highlights from the win over Zion Chapel included six aces on 15 serves by Lilli Sumblin. She also

accounted for 18 passes and 19 sets. Tori Pettis had two aces on 15 serves in the match, and Brynne Kelley had 10 hits and two kills.

The Junior High squad for Kinston is 4-1 on the season after its win over Zion Chapel last week. The young Lady 'Dawgs won in two sets, 25-9, 25-11.

Rylie Rhoades had four aces on 14 serves and four passes while her sister Gracie Rhoades accounted for one set. Also, Adalyn Wise had one hit and four passes, and River Riley had one hit and four passes.



New Brockton watches two-touchdown lead vanish in 34-24 region loss to Warhawks

Statistics by Brandon White
Photos by Ashley Bertsch

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw a 12-point third quarter lead vanish Friday night in a shocking 34-24 region loss to the Daleville Warhawks.

New Brockton pulled out to a 6-0 lead with 6:57 left in the second quarter on a 52-yard interception return for a touchdown by Matt Smith and carried the lead in at the half in the defensive struggle.

Daleville returned the favor and pulled even at 6-6 with 9:31 remaining in the third quarter on a 60-yard interception return for a touchdown by Omarion Pinckney.

However, the Gamecocks had an immediate answer for the Daleville score and regained the lead only 23-seconds later when Gabe Herrington hooked up with Matt Smith on a 64-yard touchdown toss as New Brockton went on top 12-6.

The Gamecocks lead grew to 18-6 with 5:16 left in the quarter on a 13-yard touchdown toss from Herrington to Jaxon Whitworth and appeared in command, but Daleville suddenly came back to life and scored a pair of touchdowns over a five-minute span to sneak ahead for the first time in the game at 22-18.



New Brockton Gamecock defense rises up for a big stop in last week's region contest against Daleville. The Gamecocks will travel to Dothan Friday night to battle Houston Academy.



New Brockton Gamecock Gabe Herrington (1) finds room to run along the sideline. Herrington rushed for 35 yards and passed for 306 yards in last week's region loss to Daleville.

The Warhawks Omarion Pinckney scored both touchdowns on long runs, with the first scoring scamper going for 59 yards and the second on a 44-yard dash. Leonardo Wynn and Zack Walters both added two-point conversions after the touchdowns, and within a matter of ten minutes the Gamecocks could only watch as the 12-point advantage turned into a 4-point deficit.

The Daleville offensive explosion continued after a Gamecock punt midway through the final quarter as the Warhawks added two more touchdowns in a three-minute span to open up a 34-18 lead to put the game away.

Pinckney scored both touchdowns on runs of 15 and 1 yard as the lead went to 34-18 with 3:45 on the clock, and while New Brockton did reach the endzone on the game's final play on a 34-yard pass from Gabe Herrington to Baylon Foster, it only changed the final score as Daleville walked off the field with the 34-24 region win.

Gabe Herrington completed 13 of 31 passes for 306 yards and 3 touchdowns and had 11 carries for 35 yards to lead the New Brockton offense, while Matt Smith pulled in 5 catches for 159 yards and one td, Baylon Foster had 4 catches for 105 yards and one td, and Jaxon Whitworth had 3 catches for 36 yards and one td.

The Gamecock defense was paced by Blake Peterson with 11 tackles, while Aaron Watson added 9 stops, Braxton Smith had 6 stops, and Matt Smith and Baylon Foster both had a pass interception.

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SPORTS NEWS

Grab big region win on the road

Zion Chapel Rebels tame Samson Tigers 19-6

Story and photos by
Linda Hodge, Editor

The Zion Chapel Rebels spoiled homecoming for the Samson Tigers last Friday night, Sept. 9, as the Rebels claimed their first win of the 2022 football season in a 19-6 game.

Samson received the initial kickoff for the game, and following the return just shy of mid-field, the Tigers offense went to work at their own 49-yardline. However, on second down the Rebels got their first interception on the night when ZC's Micah Fuller grabbed the ball from the air.

After two penalties – an offsides for Samson followed by a false start for Zion Chapel – the Rebels got their first play from scrimmage off from their own 40-yardline. Two run plays garnered only three yards for the Rebels.

On third down the Rebels were flagged for back-to-back false starts, which backed them up to facing third and 17. A run play to Micah Fuller failed to gain any yards, and the Rebels punted on fourth and 17. Kevin Dowdy Jr. punted for Zion Chapel.

A big first down run by Samson's Joshua Lowery set the Tigers up at the Zion Chapel 15-yardline. On third and two, Lowery appeared to score for Samson, but the TD was called back on a holding penalty.

A big tackle by Conner Stricklin on the next play stopped Samson's Brodey Mixon four yards short of a first down, but on fourth



The ZC Rebel band played from the stands Friday night in support of their team.

and four the Rebels were flagged for encroachment giving Samson a first and goal.

Joshua Lowery ran the ball into the endzone on the next play for a Tigers touchdown. The extra point attempt was no good, but with 5:45 left in the first quarter Samson had the lead at 6-0.

The ensuing kickoff went to Zion Chapel's John Foster Hamm, and he returned the ball to the Zion Chapel 43-yardline. Two plays later, the Rebels were facing a third and 12 when they were flagged for a false start. The following play, a six-yard run by Morgan Sanders, left the Rebels several yards short of a first down, and John Dowdy Jr. punted on fourth down.

A good punt by Dowdy helped the Rebels pin

Samson at their own 7-yardline. The Tigers earned a first down after a third and three run by Joshua Lowery to the Samson 19-yardline.

After an incomplete pass, Brodey Mixon scampered for 16-yards on second down to earn Samson another first down at their 35-yardline. This play also ushered in the end of the first quarter.

As the second quarter began, Samson made another first down following a five-yard run by Brodey Mixon on second down and then another encroachment penalty on the Rebels defense. However, this drive ended two plays later when on second down Zion Chapel's Jackson Adcock intercepted a Samson pass, and he returned it to the Samson 22-yardline.

The Rebels gained six yards on first and second down runs. On third down, Brayden Benbow dropped back to attempt a pass for the Rebels, but he was sacked back at the 23-yardline.

The Rebels needed 12 yards to make first down, but instead, on fourth down Joseph LeGear pulled in a pass for a Zion Chapel touchdown. The extra point attempt by Kevin Dowdy Jr. was good, and the Rebels took the lead 7-6 with 7:13 left in the second quarter.

Joshua Lowery returned the ensuing kickoff from the 20-yardline to the 43 where he was brought down by ZC's Micah Fuller. On third down and two, Samson's Brodey Mixon fumbled at the Zion Chapel 40-yardline where the Rebels recovered the ball.

Following the fumble recovery, Zion Chapel's offense managed to get one first down before eventually having to punt. Samson then only got two more plays off on offense before the first half came to an end with Zion Chapel still leading 7-6.

Zion Chapel received the second half kickoff, and Micah Fuller returned the ball to the 44-yardline. The Rebels were flagged for false start on first down, had no gain on a run play, and flagged a second time for false start. However, on a second and 20 play, ZC hit paydirt when Morgan Sanders fired a 66-yard touchdown pass to Joseph LeGear. The PAT was no good, but with 9:51 left in the third quarter, Zion Chapel extended its lead to 13-6.

The Rebels defense got their third interception on the night during Samson's next series of downs when on a third down, Joseph LeGear intercepted a Jacob Branch pass. Two plays later, though, Zion Chapel turned the ball back over to Samson on a fumble.



A LINEMAN'S DREAM! Zion Chapel Rebel Conner Stricklin (55) watches the official signal touchdown after he made a fumble recovery in the endzone in last week's 19-6 region win over Samson.

After the fumble recovery, Samson put together a lengthy offensive drive that began from their own 29-yardline. The Tigers converted three third downs into first downs in the drive as the third quarter came to an end.

The final quarter of the game began with Samson facing a third and 14 from the Zion Chapel 30 yardline. That is where the drive stalled, and the Tigers turned the ball over to the Rebels after a fourth down pass fell incomplete.

The Rebels were unable to capitalize on their next drive as it was marred with and illegal procedure penalty and a bad snap that pushed them back to the 15-yardline. Samson's offense returned to the field after a fourth down Zion Chapel punt sailed

out of bounds at the Zion Chapel 30-yardline.

Samson had a first and 10 at the 14-yardline when Brodey Mixon fumbled at the 12-yardline, and the Rebels recovered.

Following run plays of five and two yards, ZC's Brayden Benbow took the handoff on third down and raced 76-yards to the Samson 5-yardline to set the Rebels up with a first and goal. The next play failed to gain, and Samson's defenders stopped the Rebels one yard behind the line on second down. However, on third and goal from the 6-yardline, the Rebels reached paydirt their third and final time on the night. Morgan Sanders took the snap and followed his blocking up the middle, but the ball was

knocked loose at the goal line. Offensive lineman Conner Stricklin covered the ball in the endzone to earn the touchdown for the Rebels.

The extra point attempt was no good, but with 3:09 left in the game, the Rebels led 19-6.

Samson was unable to capitalize on its final series of the night despite driving to the Zion Chapel 25-yardline. Zion Chapel's John Foster Hamm intercepted a Samson pass to stop the drive. It was the Rebels fourth interception on the night.

Following the interception, the Rebels simply ran the clock out to seal the 19-6 win. This was the Rebels first win on the season, and the first for new head coach Cody Keene at the helm.

For area teams

Region wars continue in week five

The region wars will continue this week for all area teams with one team looking to bounce back from its first region loss in 27 games, one looking to knock off the region leader and one looking for its first win of the season.

Following are previews from this week's action:

Kinston (1-2) at Brantley

(3-1)

The Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to keep their playoff hopes alive and pull off a huge upset at the same time when they hit the road Friday night for a region clash with the Brantley Bulldogs.

Brantley leads the all-time series 32-4, has won the last 24 match-ups and in the last four wins has outscored Kinston 183-13. Kinston will enter the game with an 0-2 region record with losses to Elba 33-6 and Georgiana 30-20, while Brantley will bring a 2-1 region record into the contest after posting wins over Houston County 33-7 and McKenzie 42-6, and seeing its 26-game region winning streak snapped last week in a 42-35 loss to Elba.

New Brockton (0-4) at Houston Academy (3-0)

Two teams headed in opposite directions will butt heads Friday night in Dothan when the winless New Brockton Gamecocks challenge the undefeated Houston Academy Raiders.

Houston Academy leads the all-time series 16-6,

has won twelve straight contests and last season posted a 49-8 win.

New Brockton will bring an 0-3 region record into the clash after losing to Opp 41-20, Providence Christian 27-6 and Daleville 34-24, while Houston Academy sits atop the region standings with wins over Daleville 45-0 and Ashford 49-16.

Zion Chapel (1-2) at Ariton (3-1)

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking to begin a winning streak Friday night when they hit the road for a region encounter with the Ariton Purple Cats.

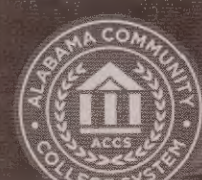
Ariton owns a 41-12 series edge, has won the last five meetings, including the last four by a combined score of 144-8.

Zion Chapel will enter the game with a 1-2 region record after losing to Goshen 46-21 and Wicksburg 42-12, before posting a 19-6 region win last week over Samson, while Ariton will bring a 2-0 region record into the clash with wins over Geneva County 43-14 and G.W. Long 34-18.



Zion Chapel Rebel Joseph LeGear (8) keeps a tight grip on the football after pulling in a pass for a touchdown in last week's 19-6 region win over the Samson Tigers.

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